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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON ZAIRIAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION

REF: KINSHASA A-114

1. TOM KING, GULF OIL REP AND MANAGER OF CONSORTIUM OWNED BY GULF, BELGIAN AND JAPANESE INTERESTS, GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF CURRENT ZAIRIAN OIL PRODUCTION AND PROSPECTS:

2. PRODUCTION PEAKED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO AT 42,000 BPD, HAS SINCE DROPPED TO 40,000 BPD AND WILL CONTINUE TO DROP AS PRESSURE DECREASES AND UNTIL INJECTION WELLS ARE COMPLETED. GULF IS IN PROCESS OF WITHDRAWING DRILLING RIG AND WILL NOT RETURN IT UNTIL LAST QUARTER OF 1977 WHEN IT WILL BE USED FOR DRILLING A COMBINATION OF EXPLORATORY AND WATER INJECTION WELLS. FULL EFFECT OF WATER INJECTION WELLS DESIGNED TO INCREASE PRESSURE IN FIELD

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WILL NOT BE FELT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MID-1978 WHEN PRODUCTION

SHOULD STABILIZE AT ABOUT 30,000 BPD.

3. COMMENT: PREVIOUSLY KING HAD ESTIMATED THAT FIELD WOULD STABILIZE AT APPROXIMATELY 25,000 BPD.  
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